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Yours Garden

BY BOLLY LANGLEY

Peter Valinga, who was born near the world's bulb center in Holland, asked a pertinent question the other day. "Why don't people contract for their bulbs for the following Autumn while they can see their favorites in bloom?" he asked. "Take a look at these two bandanas, for example," he said. "And what have bandanas to do with bulbs?" I countered with what seemed to me a piercing perspicacity. "I'll tell you in five minutes," he said, putting them away. We talked about the coming Spring Garden Show for a bit, and then he asked me which bandana had the closest to tomato color, the one he had held in his right or left hand. He had me.

It's a good tip. When you see something you like, which won't be wanted for months or years, buy it while you can see it. When nurserymen can furnish you with catalogs showing true color pictures, we can wait more safely.

If nurserymen only knew it, they're missing a bet in that line. Countless greenhousers would pay 25-50 cents for a catalog showing true colors, and including some of the grower's original cultural suggestions. Catalogs don't have to be free — if they're something people really want.

For the benefit of those who sent in nickels (35) I should explain. The circulation manager of a paper is traditionally eager to sell more copies of every issue. Undoubtedly if your money had gone to his hands, you'd have received an extra copy of the paper. As it is, your coins will be returned, and I won't joke that way again. . . . I never dreamed.

Mrs. N. M. Davis writes: "I have cuttings everywhere, and have been unable to do so. Can you give me any information about this herb?"

Tarragon doesn't produce seed, and it's necessary to start with cuttings, which root quite easily. I imagine any member of the California Herb Society would see that Mrs. Davis got a cutting. Closest known to her is Mrs. Helen Lyman, 52 Santa Clara St., Oakland.

Warm weather is probably responsible for the early attacks of white flies. Spray or dust carefully — thoroughly, to keep down large scale reproduction and multiplication of this pest which has grown increasingly serious during the past nine years.

Mrs. Ivan Read (Landscape 5-8787) was much taken by the grafting on apricots reported by Mrs. J. L. Evans here recently, and would appreciate a call.

Mrs. Gladys Miller reports: "From all reports from surrounding neighbors, it is almost, if not impossible, to grow vegetables here because of the quail and rabbits. Believe it or not, we are located now right here in Oakland, in the Montclair Dist. Still undaunted, we set out 175 strawberry plants but I'm beginning to wonder at our good judgment. None of our lettuce is left. Do you recommend anything more than enclosing the beds with chicken wire. We thought of doing that."

"Also, I would like to know if artichokes tend to encourage any insects or gophers or what have you?"

Chicken wire is positive protection against rabbits and quail. I know of nothing more certain. Indeed, there's little else that can be done. As for artichokes, they do attract aphids, but these are controlled with nicotine. And gophers like them.

Mrs. O. W. Goddard of Martinez writes: "I always like to have a garden. But before I had to use my time to raise six children. Now I have a place of my own with only one granddaughter and husband. So at last I will get what I wanted. I was raised in a New York tenement and the only garden or flowers we had was on a fire escape."

There are still many, too many, people with no place to have a garden. But here in California nearly everyone can walk to a free bit of land. I'll bet those rabbits and quail give greenhousers in rabbit-free parts of Sacramento, Palo Alto, San Jose an added urban feeling.

McKinley PTA

Mr. John Cowgill, San Mateo County probation officer, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the McKinley School Parent Teacher Assn. meeting Tuesday.

In Mr. Cowgill's topic of citizenship he presented a discussion of the causes and possible remedies of the juvenile delinquency problem. Election of officers was held. Mrs. Loren Brown is the president for the coming year; Mrs. Vera Flora, first vice president; Mr. Ralph Case, second vice president; Mrs. Kenneth Kerwin, recording secretary; Mrs. C. W. Allemen, treasurer; Mrs. S. A. Cottrell, parliamentarian; Mrs. Lauretta Hodge, historian.

Mr. Andrew Spinas discussed the measures before the state legislature of prime interest to education. Refreshments were served in the school cafeteria following the meeting. Serving were Mrs. Ralph Case, Mrs. Charles Bendeich, Mrs. Frank Tobiasch, Mrs. John Darrow and Mrs. Carmen Plante.

Stork Shower

A stork shower honoring Mrs. Frank Ramos was held at the home of Mrs. John Varick, 1623 Oak Ave., recently with Mrs. Diego Ramos, grandmother of the expected baby, as the cohostess.

Table decorations were centered around a cake which was decorated in pink and blue.

Guests at the shower were Mrs. Isabel Rodriguez and her daughter Sandra, Dolly Soto, Theresa Rodriguez, Dorothy Kane, all of this city, and Mrs. Delores Garcia, Isabel Hendley and her daughter Janet Lynn, of Sunnyvale.

Jones Is Heard

BY AL BODI

The erratic public address system in the board of supervisors' chambers found another dissatisfied customer Friday afternoon, and this one decided to do something about it.

As the planning commission went through a long agenda of use permits, variances and zoning matters, a voice of Edgemar walked into the room and started setting up equipment on the press table. He put two boxes, one on top of the other, and capped them with a wire speaker.

While the befuddled planners watched, Jones crawled under the secretary's table and plugged in the cord.

He couldn't hear what the directors were saying, Jones told them, and neither could the rest of the audience, and so he said, he had brought down his own public address system.

He denied upon questioning by one of the commissioners, that he was recording the conversation. Jones, who was applying to the commission for the rezoning of some 30 lots in Edgemar from residential to commercial, then pleaded his case with the aid of a map microphone.

The commission nevertheless denied his application on the grounds that there were not sufficient residences in Edgemar to warrant a business district of the size Jones was seeking. As he walked out of the room, Jones told the commission that he would take the matter to court.

The planning commission Friday afternoon also granted two use permits for the construction of churches in the north end of the county. The permits were granted to the Rev. Clarence Solberg for a Lutheran Church in Loma Hills; and to the Rev. Carl H. Church for the construction of a Baptist church in the Visitation district of Brisbane.

Denied the application for a permit which would allow him to move 400,000 tons of sand from the Beach north of Sharp Park for use at Mills Field Airport. The application was denied because the area from which Quilman wanted to move the sand is below the high tide mark.

Decided to recommend to the board of supervisors the purchase of 19 acres at San Gregorio Beach for use by the county as matching land under the state beach acquisition program. The cost of the property would be \$10,000.

Set for May 16 a second hearing on the rezoning to commercial purposes of a strip of land along Bayshore Hwy. near the south county line to compensate for commercial zones which would be lost when the highway would be widened to the Bayshore Freeway. One side of the highway would be widened 90 feet.

Set-Up District

Philip Hastings, chairman of the Highlands District Improvement Assn.'s utilities committee, Wednesday advised residents of Emerald Lake it would be wise for this area to set up its own sanitary district and elect its own commissioners.

The committee headed by Hastings has advised the improvement association that Ernest Wilson, of Kirkbride & Wilson, be retained to draw up a petition for a utilities district.

Hastings has submitted an engineering report in which it was estimated that a sewerage system for Emerald Lake would cost from \$150 to \$200 per 60 foot lot.

He said that unless residents of Emerald Lake avail themselves of their right to petition the board of supervisors to set up a sanitary district, the health department would on its own initiative take such action, as tests indicate that while soil pollution is not yet dangerous, the saturation point was being approached rapidly.

Elaine Buckland reported to the association that the garden and cleanup committee's drive for improving grounds and eliminating rubbish has met favorable response. Nearly 70 residents have applied for advice and suggestions on setting out plants and beautifying their property.

Boat Overturns

The U. S. Coast Guard station in South San Francisco said a small boat with two boys on board had capsized in the bay off Brisbane Friday at 1 p.m. The boys made it to shore shortly before press time. An ambulance was called.

A seaplane and surfboat cutter were dispatched to the scene. The South San Francisco station said it was notified of the accident by district headquarters in San Francisco and that the plane's pilot deduced he was over the scene eight minutes later.

McMonigle Appeals

Thomas Henry McMonigle of San Mateo, now in San Quentin's death row for the slaying of a 15-year-old Campbell High School girl Tuesday appealed to the federal court to free him on a writ of habeas corpus.

McMonigle was convicted of the slaying of Thora Chamberlain and the California Supreme Court on Mar. 14 upheld the conviction. McMonigle claims that his conviction was based on a conflicting confession obtained by E. J. Connelley, assistant director of the FBI, that he was convicted on purely circumstantial evidence and that the Santa Cruz County Superior Court was dominated by a mob during his trial.

Thora was kidnapped from the grounds of the high school at Campbell in 1945. McMonigle said he threw her body over Devil's Slide on "San Mateo County's Coastside" but her body has never been found.

Rezoning Approved

Tossing aside the protests of a room full of residents the San Carlos Planning Commission last Monday approved rezoning of East Old County Rd. to light industrial.

At the same time, Gould Construction Co.'s request that a narrow strip in the area be rezoned to first industrial was rejected. The residents from nearby Hall St. and adjacent areas pointed out that rezoning Old County Rd. would mean that they would have to live in industrial buildings.

They explained that a year ago the city had provided plans for their welfare, but they charged last night they were now merely "just the people across the tracks."

The residents said that an area that had been promised for recreation was now being turned into industrial land, and the campaign promises to provide playgrounds were going up in smoke.

The attempts of Fred Drake, planning commission member, who was named last week by Mayor Patrick Kearns to explain the recreation bond issues to soothe the group, met with ill response. He was scored for intimating that third residential, instead of industrial would cause a race problem.

The commission, in recommending to the council that land facing the Old County Rd. in the Phelps Addition, zoned in the Harbor Division south to the city line be zoned to light industrial, said that any other procedure would be "filly." Among the proponents of this was Roy Gower, who was represented by Henry P. Wrigley Sr. In zoning the two parcels of land on each side of McCue Ave. to residential, City Engineer Robert Klassen contended, Gould "stepped right into this" by creating a residential subdivision there.

Drake, who previously objected to an area west of El Camino being rezoned to industrial, said that from Walnut to Cedar he zoned as second and third residential, now asked for a hearing in favor of this, contending "We need apartment houses."

He said Waterman (Councilman Truman S. Waterman, "is the man who showed us we didn't do right rezoning of certain sections of Oak Ridge to zone property directly across from the San Carlos Community Church for the erection of duplexes. Both matters were put on the agenda for the next meeting."

At the suggestion of City Atty. Carl Anderson it was recommended to the council that the symbol of the black acacia as the official tree of San Carlos be repealed and some other planting program be initiated.

The hearing to recommend the rezoning of certain sections of Oak Park Subdivision and White Oaks Tract to first residential was passed last night without opposition.

Happy Bible Class

Twenty-four members of the Happy Bible Class of the First Christian Church were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Proctor in San Carlos Friday evening.

Business of the class was conducted by Clyde Plants, president. Games were played under the direction of Mrs. Goldie Snider.

Refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Sandham on May 9.

Trio Nabbed

Three men who went on a robbery spree the length of the Peninsula in Oakland, Chief Dep. Sheriff Walter Moore announced.

The sheriff's office here has a hold on the three men for the robbery of Lucille's Restaurant, Brisbane, where they are alleged to have taken \$64 from Doyle Gravina, owner of the cafe.

Moore said that the men, all long-shoremen from San Francisco, have admitted holdups in San Jose and that they held up Gravina. The men are Daniel J. Ramirez, 32, Clarence Teller, 27, and Domingo H. Tamez.

The trio was caught in a road blockade in Alameda County on Apr. 10 after they had held up a filling station. Moore said that in the Alameda County robbery they had ordered the filling station attendant to lie down on the floor, just as they had done to Gravina.

Thursday Gravina picked Ramirez out of a lineup in Oakland. Tamez was the driver of the escape car and had not gone into the restaurant when Gravina was held up, Moore said. Ramirez and Tamez are ex-convicts. Moore declared, and added that Ramirez was out for the arrest of the three men for robberies in at least three other counties. The Apr. 8 robbery in the city was the first after Tamez had finished a 50-day sentence in San Francisco County Jail on a charge of vagrancy.

Dinner Held

Over 100 persons gathered in the Hall of the Woodside Village Church Sunday evening to attend a pot luck supper given in the interest of fellowship.

Following the dinner a program was presented with Lee Smith as master of ceremonies. Those participating in the program were the Double H Boys, Harold and Henry Gragg, Karen San Sant, Donna Jean Sloane, Judy Cochran and Jill Cochran, and the first four grades of the Sunday School singing a group of songs.

Community singing was led by Mrs. James Cochran with Mrs. Clarence R. Smith at the piano. A barbecue dinner to be held sometime in May was announced. Also announced was a fathers' and sons' banquet to take place in June.

Newspaper Party

Members of the Wesleyan Club of the First Methodist Church were entertained Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. W. R. Coombs, Mr. and Mrs. A. Chisholm were the committee in charge of the entertainment.

During the business meeting which preceded the party, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Liljestrand were voted in as members of the club. In addition to about 40 members present, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis were guests of the evening.

Players Named

Menlo Players Guild held casting on Apr. 11 for the satirical comedy, "Dulcy" by George Kauffman and Marc Connelly, which will be the next production given at the Menlo Park Central School May 22, 23, 24.

Bob Bettencourt, director, chose the cast at the regular meeting of the Guild.

Mrs. Thelma Schaeffer of this city, has been cast in the leading role of Dulcy; Mr. Paul Schaeffer will play Schuyler Van Dyke; John Clarks will play Tom Sterrett; and Margaret Scillini will play Angela Forbes. All are residents of this city.

With Mrs. Schaeffer in the production of "Night Must Fall," given recently by the Guild, were Vincent Cleveland and Mrs. Jane George who will appear also in Dulcy.

Michael Cheney and Dr. Louis Rothenberg appeared with Mr. Schaeffer and Mr. Clarke in "Room Service" which was the last production of the Guild.

Appearing in a Guild production for the first time when Dulcy is produced will be Margaret Scillini, son and Ted Fackler. Mr. Thompson has worked before this time Leonard Sundquist, Frank Thompson with the Sacramento Community Players and Mr. Fackler has had robbery roles in the Guild under the name of Ted Allen.

As a sidelight, Thelma and Paul Schaeffer are sister and brother and Mrs. Schaeffer is brother and sister.

The Menlo Players Guild includes members from this area, from Palo Alto to Belmont, and new talent is welcome.

Canada Rd. Land

An order granting the county immediate possession of land needed for the realignment of Canada Rd. was signed Saturday by Superior Judge Clark Clement.

The order was as a result of an eminent domain suit filed by the county against the City and County of San Francisco and others who own parts of the land needed to straighten the tortuous road.

The area to be purchased totals 39 acres and was valued by an appraiser at \$3892.

Hillbarn Tryouts

Hillbarn Summer Theatre will open tryouts for its seventh season May 5, 6 and 7 at the San Mateo Junior College. Tryouts are asked to bring selections of their own choice, not to exceed three minutes, either to read or recite.

The 1947 season, which will be directed by Robert Brauns, will run Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings from July 4 through August 24, and will include classics, originals and popular successes.

Clerk Strike

Pay boosts ranging from 20 to 28 per cent for grocery clerks and managers in San Mateo County will be given under a new contract which union and management representatives have agreed to sign.

John Healy of Redwood City, president of the San Mateo County Central Labor Council reported Saturday that the employers' group Friday notified the council it was willing to arbitrate one point in the contract upon which the two sides are deadlocked, provided that the balance of the contract is accepted.

The Retail Clerks International Protective Assn., Local 775 (AFL) had agreed earlier in the week to arbitrate the remaining point in the contract, and to accept the rest of the contract, Healy said.

Suggestion that the two sides arbitrate the disputed point was made by the labor council at a meeting Monday night.

Salaries for grocery store clerks who have been on the job six months or more were increased 22 per cent; head clerks were given a 20 per cent boost, and managers' salaries were increased 28 per cent. Healy said the salaries under the new contract would be \$37.50 a week for the first three months; \$45 for the second, three months; \$55 a week for clerks after the first six months; \$60 for head clerks, and \$80 a week for managers.

The old contract called for salaries, Carl E. Cohenour, secretary of the labor council, said, of \$33.25 for the first six months; \$43 a week for clerks, \$48 a week for head clerks, and \$57 a week for managers.

Cohenour said the new salary scales are the same as in San Francisco and in Santa Clara County, except that managers here will receive \$5 a week more.

The new contract also calls for increases in vacation time.

The disputed point in the new contract which has been submitted to arbitration deals with wages paid to clerks relieving store managers on the manager's day off.

The old contract expired April 1, but it was continued in effect by mutual agreement.

Approximately 700 grocery clerks, both from chain and independent stores, from South San Francisco to Menlo Park, are affected by the new contract.

Building Permits

Building permits for the construction of 32 homes in Broadmoor Village, Colma, were issued Wednesday by County Bldg. Insp. A. W. Russell.

Russell announced that the permits were granted to Stoncrest Contractors Inc. of San Francisco for the construction of homes in the \$6000 classification.

Queen Contest

There are five contestants to date for Fourth of July Queen, Mrs. Lois Brown of the permanent Fourth of July Committee announced Wednesday; Paulette G. Rinck, Beverly Bundsen, Marilyn Shehan, Jean Gohrman and Joyce Miller whose name was announced recently.

The San Carlos Fourth of July plans stress a home town affair for families and their children and the queen contestants are to be young girls between the age of 14 to 18. On Thursday night, July 3, the queen and her attendants will be selected at a coronation ball at the school auditorium. The winner will reign during the Fourth events and will receive a trip to Santa Cruz for herself and mother.

Paulette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Rinck of Cherry St., has been selected as contestant by the Bob Edling Post 8104, Veterans of Foreign Wars. The contestant's family are all war veterans; her father a veteran of World War I, three brothers army veterans of World War II and a sister, Yvonne, WAC. Paulette is a junior at Sequoia High School and is 17 years old.

The San Carlos Junior Matron's choice is Beverly Bundsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Bundsen, 136 Colton Ave. She is 16 years old, a sophomore at Sequoia High School. She is a member of Job's Daughters and her mother is president of the Mother's Club of Bethel 133.

A third contestant, Marilyn Shehan, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shehan of 1133 Walnut St. She will be 16 years old in July. A student at Sequoia High School, she is on the athletic board, president of the Latin Club and a member of the California Scholastic Federation. She has taken part in the Varieties and Jinx at the high school. She is a member of the Newman Club of San Carlos. Her sister, Colleen, is a Sequoia High School graduate.

Jean Gohrman is the choice of the San Carlos American Legion Post 585.

Joyce Miller is 16 and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, 1022 Walnut St. Her name was entered about ten days ago by the 75 Club of San Carlos.

The Lions Club will name their queen candidate at the meeting this evening.

Furnace Explodes

Redwood City firemen were called to the 180 Oakdale St. home of H. L. Shepard Monday afternoon after an explosion blew the door of a basement furnace off.

Fire Insp. Richard Drivon said today that gas had escaped in the furnace and exploded when residents attempted to light it.

Probe Death

A coroner's jury Friday recommended further investigation into the death of Jack R. Eller, 20-year-old Stanford student of 1311 Woodland Ave., San Carlos.

Eller died early Mar. 12 of injuries suffered the previous night when he and his wife, Mrs. Marjorie Eller, 20, teacher at the White Oaks School in San Carlos, were struck by a car driven by Alfred E. Clegg, 59, 223 Camino al Lago, Atherton, owner of the Kerr Steamship Co. in San Francisco.

Mrs. Eller was seriously injured in the accident, which occurred on El Camino Real at Greenwood Ave., San Carlos.

The death of Noel Humphrey, 39, of San Francisco, killed Mar. 24 in a three-car crash at Tunnel Hill, Bayshore Hwy., south of San Francisco, was termed negligence on the part of the driver of the car in which Humphrey was riding, Coroner William Crosby announced. The car was driven by Elbert C. Crow, 27-year-old San Francisco welder.

The death of Robert McDonald, 20, San Francisco, who died Mar. 30 from injuries suffered in a head-on collision on Junipero Serra Blvd. was caused by McDonald falling asleep at the wheel of his car, the jury decided.

Deaths of William Folsom, 65, of San Francisco, a pedestrian killed Mar. 10 at El Camino Real at Sneath Ln., San Bruno, and John Noonan, killed Feb. 21 in South San Francisco, were called unavoidable.

Deaths of Virgil Peppers, George Foley and Maurice Fontaine were called negligence on the part of themselves. Peppers was killed Mar. 29 on Mission Rd., Longdale; Foley was killed Mar. 30 on Bayshore Hwy. near San Carlos, and Fontaine was killed Mar. 30 on El Camino Real at San Carlos. All were pedestrians.

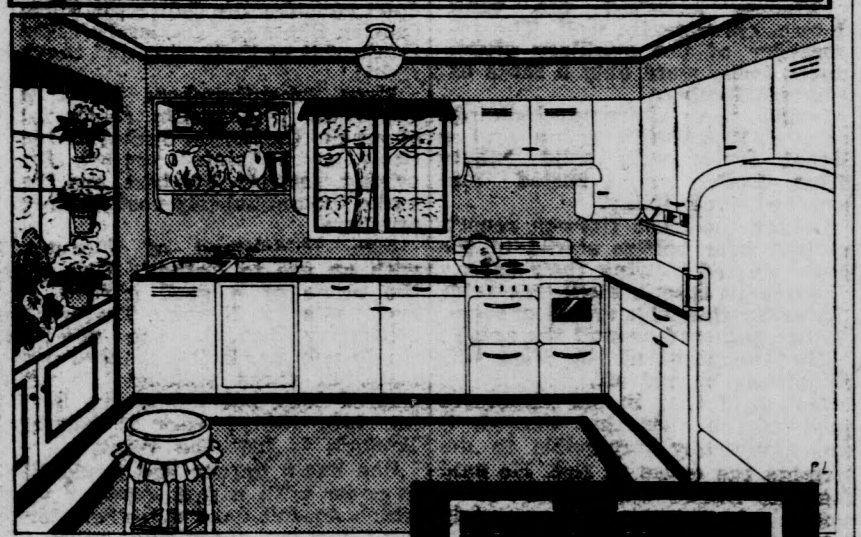
Breakfast Mass

About 60 members of the Carlsian Club met Sunday morning for their annual communion breakfast held this year at the Gables following the early morning mass at St. Charles Church. The Rev. Father Patrick Leyden of St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, addressed the group at the breakfast.

Music was provided by the St. Charles choir under the direction of Mrs. Michael McDermott. Mrs. John O'Hara presented the officers of the club with gardenia corsages. Decorating the tables were small, madonnas surrounded by sweet peas. On display was a wooden madonna from Mexico dressed in hand made garments. The figure belongs to Mrs. John Carls.

Miss Walter Hennessey and George Lagomarsino were in charge of the breakfast arrangements.

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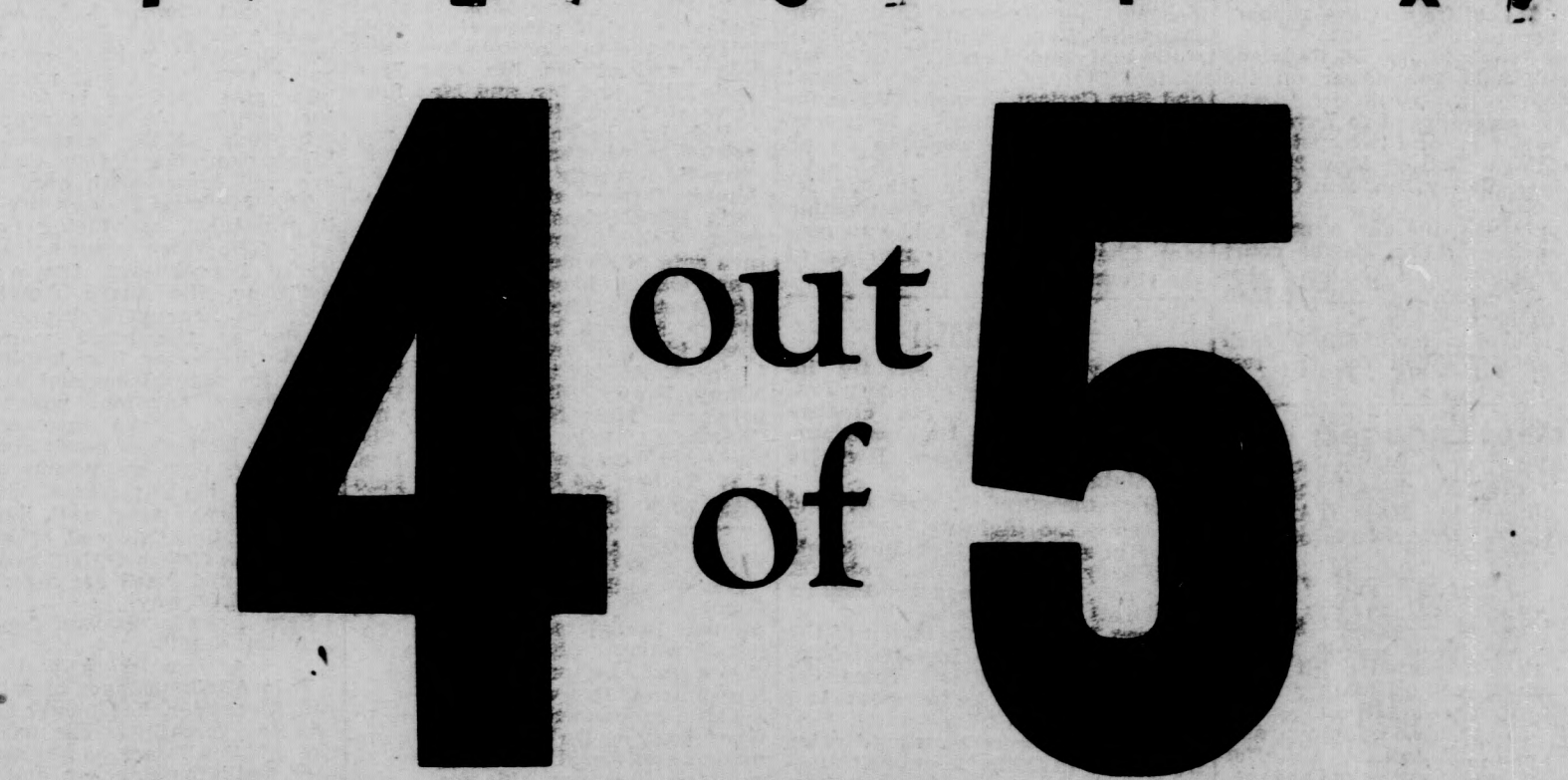
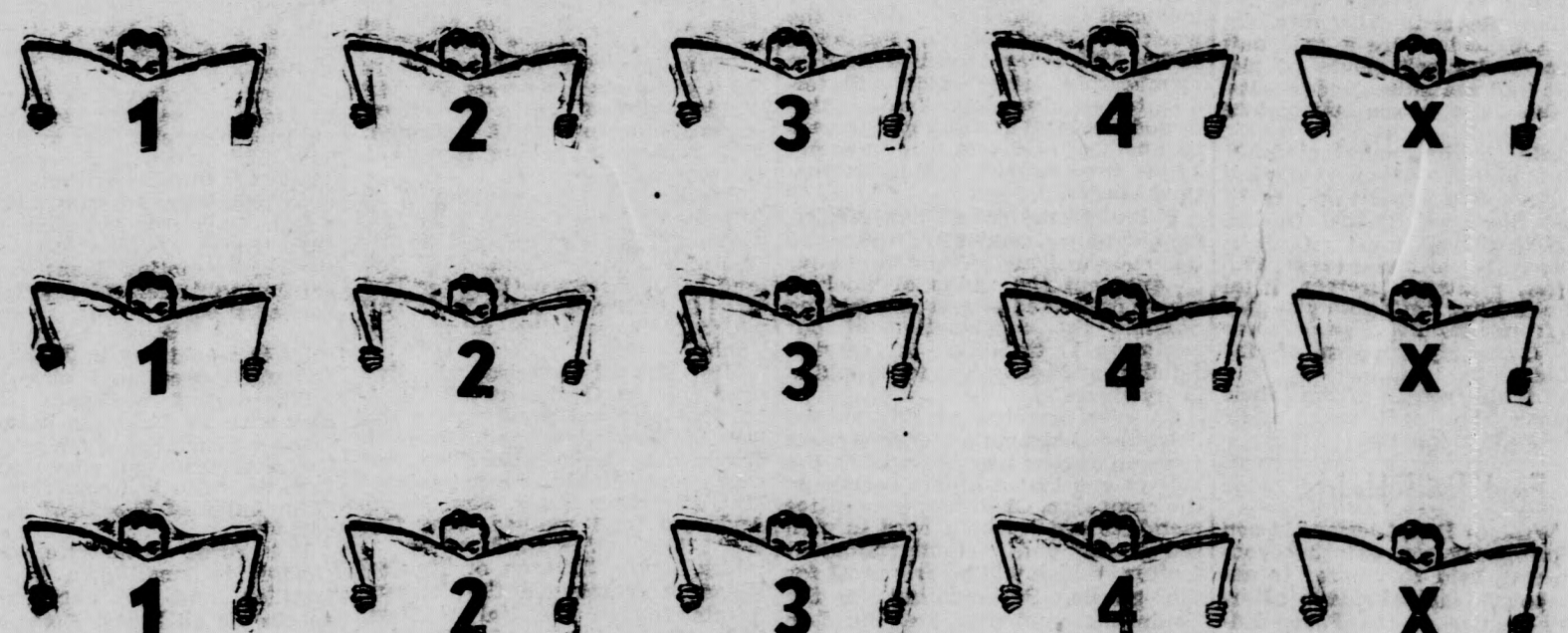
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Garden Tips

By ROLLY LANGLEY

Maybe there's a chance to get some comparisons. Bertha Shyle of Redwood City wrote: "We will have to wait to plant Pearl Harbor tomatoes until the full moon. That will be Apr. 5. Rather late, but I would like to try."

"I always plant by the moon and have had very good luck. Two years ago I grew over 100 pounds of Hubbard squash, over 36 pounds. I gave away over 86 pounds of tomatoes last year. I ate them every day, canned a lot."

So here's a greenhumber who plants by the light of the moon, is serious about it, and has had good results. Although it was late (Mar. 18) when she wrote that letter, she was going to wait until Apr. 5 to plant, so she'd be "right with the moon."

Now, undoubtedly thousands of greenhumpers went right on and planted their tomato seeds in the dark of the moon, and around Mar. 18.

What I'd like to find out is whether those who planted in the dark of the moon have results any where near as good as those of Bertha Shyle.

My prediction is that when the reports are in, we'll find that plenty of people who went out and planted will have better yields than those who waited for the moon. Intriguing, but we'll just have to wait, for the answer.

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Mrs. M. A. Cooper of Redwood City is converted. She writes: "My father was an orchard grower for many years in Santa Clara Valley, and although I know orchards pretty well, I would never plant anything but dwarf trees again."

"Two years ago this Spring I planted two pears, one peach and one apple—all dwarfs. Last year they had pears and peaches, and this year all the trees are going to produce. Even the apple tree. The peach and apple trees are less than three feet high and I can easily reach around them. Makes picking, pruning, spraying easy, doesn't it!"

One of the most interesting gardens you could ever hope to see is most enjoyed when it is not in bloom. It is the garden of Mrs. M. O. Adams of Los Altos.

As for that "why" about the only essential is that the plant have interest for her strictly on its own merits. It's been years since she has had the pleasure of seeing a garden in bloom.

Yes, fig trees have actual blossoms, or flowers, but you don't see them until you open the fruit. They're all inside. That's why, in some varieties you must introduce capri figs in the branches. The capri figs are host to the little wasps that enter the figs and pollinate the flowers inside the figs. Which aren't placed in the way we usually think of fruits, but rather the covering for the "works."

The Oakland Park Dept. always active, has this year set another mark in city beautification. The department chose one of the busiest boulevards in the city—MacArthur, from Harrison (near the center of town) west. This boulevard is not only a great deal of local traffic, but it's the "slot" for a lot of through traffic.

Holland tulips were planted and they've been blooming since Apr. 1: Rauwenhof (cherry red), the white Carraea, crimson Eclipse, rose carmine Pride of Haarlem, Violet Giant, salmon rose Zwanenberg, violet crimson of the Netherlands, Prunus, Princess Elizabeth, Sonata, Barbara Pratt, John Sheepers (pure yellow), La Tulipe Noir, Argo (dusky orange), golden yellow, spotted red, and the City of Haarlem (a deep red) are planted in great number. And that's a list of names you might keep... they're all fine varieties.

Fireman's Ball

The 24th annual ball of the San Carlos Volunteer Fire Dept. will be held Saturday night at the San Carlos School auditorium from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Elmer Vincent Jr. and his orchestra will play for dancing. There are 25 volunteer firemen and five regularly employed, including the chief.

The volunteer department recently passed a 32-hour Red Cross training course directed by Kenneth W. Thompson.

The committee for the ball includes Kenneth W. Thompson, Robert Klose, Archie Cooper, Harry Fry, Robert Collins and H. S. Thomas.

Operator Crushed

Tons of boulders and earth cascaded down into the Macco Pits west of Millbrae shortly before noon Friday, crushing a helpless shovel operator to death in the cab of his power shovel.

Coroner William Crosby reported the dead man was William N. Berry, 53, of 161 Broderick St., San Francisco.

The body was pinned in the mangled wreckage of the huge shovel and fellow workers were using blow torches this afternoon to remove the body from the cab.

Berry was reported to have been alone at the time of the cave-in as truck operators hauling fill for the San Francisco airport were laying off for lunch.

He had been digging in the Bar Pits a mile and a half west of El Camino Real near Millbrae when suddenly thousands of tons of rock and earth came crashing down on the shovel from the top of the steep cliff.

Crosby reported the force of the huge boulders must have been great to have so damaged the heavy piece of equipment. The slide is believed to have let go suddenly, pinning Berry, at his controls with no chance of escape.

Berry was employed by Maccos-Morrison-Knauff Co.

He is survived by a wife, Grace.

Books

Far too few readers are acquainted with the unique delights offered them by the English writer, Terrence H. White. They have possibly been frightened away from reading his *Sword in the Stone* and *Witch in the Wood* by the adjectives "whimsical," "allegorical," "English," "scholarly," and other descriptions which in no way hint of the hilarious experience waiting for them in reading these superlative, virile stories of medieval England.

Now Mrs. White has written *Mistress Masham's Repose*, a fresh and enchanting yarn of a Lilliputian community discovered in our time by Maria, an orphan girl ten years old who wears pigtail and horn rimmed glasses but who has great possibilities. Maria lives in an old English estate four times longer than Buckingham Palace built in greater haste of repair. She is virtually imprisoned by an evil pair, her governess and her guardian. To reveal much of her doings with the Lilliputians, her imprisonment by her guardian, and her rescue by the little people is to detract from the real suspense achieved by Mr. White who is a master story teller. The profound truths which may or may not be lurking behind the story of *Mistress Masham's Repose* would find them. The story is the thing.

Poe's Camera is a book for both photography enthusiasts and poetry lovers. Works by leading photographers (subjects ranging from experimental exposures and straight photographs of people) are accompanied by classical and modern poetry. The poems are not intended to interpret the photographs but to match their tone or content.

The many adventures of souls who are eager to go to Alaska to live or to visit will find the answers to their questions in George Sundborg's *Opportunity in Alaska*. The author has lived in the Alaska Territory for four years, and, like the life there, what are the pitfalls, the novel situations the newcomer may expect, the drawbacks to living there, and the magnificent opportunities open to those who venture.

The Best of Don Marquis, with a witty introduction by Christopher Morley, is an admirable selection proving in its variety the versatile genius of Don Marquis. It includes for its greatest portion selections from the Archy books, dissertations from the Old Soak, short stories, and selections from the satires, and both his serious and humorous.

Children of Vienna by Robert Neumann is a grim story of one of the foremost evils of war: the tragic fate of children. This novel tells of six orphaned children living together in the basement of a bombed house in Vienna. They live by their wits; stealing, lying, hiding from the authorities, completely without hope. Into this desolation comes an American chaplain who tries to help the children and to get them away. *Children of Vienna* is a terrible document of our times.

Yes, fig trees have actual blossoms, or flowers, but you don't see them until you open the fruit. They're all inside. That's why, in some varieties you must introduce capri figs in the branches. The capri figs are host to the little wasps that enter the figs and pollinate the flowers inside the figs. Which aren't placed in the way we usually think of fruits, but rather the covering for the "works."

The Oakland Park Dept. always active, has this year set another mark in city beautification. The department chose one of the busiest boulevards in the city—MacArthur, from Harrison (near the center of town) west. This boulevard is not only a great deal of local traffic, but it's the "slot" for a lot of through traffic.

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CCPT Meet

Twentieth annual convention of the 17th Dist. California Congress of Parents and Teachers was held at Sequoia High School in Redwood City on Thursday.

About 161 delegates, thirty-six unit presidents and 45 guests were present to hear Mrs. Rollin Brown, president of CCPT address them.

Mrs. Brown stressed the "Objects of PTA." She stated in part: "We haven't talked enough of our organization and for what it stands. We are interested in child welfare, in the home, school, church and community. We have an almost interest in legislation for the care and protection of our children. We cannot have good laws by sitting at home and thinking there will be good laws."

She continued, "We believe our purpose is to bring up a generation that will feel they owe something to their Creator, to their country, to their fellow man, and have an honest concern for the rights and privileges of other persons."

A delightful musical program was arranged by Mrs. F. P. Peterson, district music chairman. Incidental music was played by the Sequoia String Trio, composed of Dorothy Bourque, Grace Child, and John Goykondall, as the delegates assembled. Mothersingers of Jefferson School Dist., under the direction of Mrs. E. B. Ochander, sang Chinese Lullabies from the West. "The Glory of God in Nature," Beethoven, and "My Hero" from the Chocolate Soldier by Oscar Strauss, John Nader, director of music, played the violin solo, "Casaradas," by V. Monti, with Edward Crocley, piano accompanist.

A brief inspirational message on "Golden Horizons," theme of the convention, was given by the Rev. Eric W. Jackson, rector of Holy Trinity Church in Menlo Park.

New officers elected were Mrs. M. G. Strohmeyer, president; Mrs. M. G. Strohmeyer, president; Mrs. Edward Styskel, vice president; Mrs. Garret Bradley, director of organization; Mrs. H. P. Eder, director of home service; Mrs. Roy C. Glad, Jr., director of health; Mrs. A. A. Kichik, recording secretary; Mrs. J. H. Wesch, financial secretary; Mrs. C. N. Underwood, treasurer; Mrs. A. F. Beach, historian.

Annual reports were given by the district president, Mrs. Strohmeyer, and historian, Mrs. F. C. Beach. The district has a membership of 10,340 and is comprised of 48 associations. Resolutions were read by Mrs. L. G. Owen. Revisions to the district by-laws, presented by Mrs. Stella Jensen, chairman of revision committee, were adopted.

Among guests introduced were Mrs. E. Frederick Smith, state historian; Mrs. George M. Hearst, past president of 2nd Dist. and state correspondence course chairman; Mrs. George A. Hindley, president-elect of 2nd Dist. and state education chairman; Henry C. Hall, assistant county superintendent of schools. Also introduced were past state president and past district president, Mrs. J. J. Garland; past president of the state, Mrs. D. B. Ralston; past district presidents, Mrs. L. G. Owen, Mrs. Stella Jensen and Mrs. L. G. Evans; district advisory board members, Pansy Jewett Abbott, county superintendent of schools; Miss Clara Dills, county librarian; Andrew Spinas, superintendent of elementary schools, Redwood City, and A. C. Argo, principal of Sequoia High School.

Publicity book awards were presented by Mrs. Frank Gabel, chairman. Three first awards were given, one to San Carlos unit, one to Woodside (rural), and one to Huckleberry High School unit. These three will be on display at the state convention. General Pershing unit placed second, and McKinley unit, Redwood City, and McKinley unit of Burlingame tied for third place.

Delegates to the state convention, to be held in Long Beach, Apr. 30, May 1 and 2, include Mrs. M. G. Strohmeyer, Mrs. Edward Styskel, Mrs. S. S. Mayo and Mrs. G. J. Sirex.

Due to the large attendance, luncheon was served at the First Methodist Church and St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Installation of officers will be held May 15, the place to be announced later. Mrs. J. J. Garland will be the installing officer.

Delegates to the annual district convention at Sequoia High School Thursday of the San Carlos Parent Teacher Assn. were: Mrs. M. G. Strohmeyer, Mrs. C. H. Rengstorff, welfare chairman, Miss Ruth Melendy disclosed that the White Oaks unit may be ready for classes on May 1, the tentative date for the end of double sessions in both schools. She also announced May 1 as the date for the school's open house for the public. Mrs. Charles McDuff reported on the Fourth of July celebration, for which the PTA will prepare a float and take charge of a balloon booth.

Clara Galt, teacher at Sequoia High night school, will appear at the meeting of PTA tomorrow to present information on Senate Bill 166, an important safety bill the state legislature. Mrs. Sirex reminds all members that tomorrow is also the deadline for turning in annual reports.

Those present at the board meeting were Mrs. Sirex, West, Byrne, Cadigan, Wheeler, Smalley, Walker, Sampson, Rengstorff, H. Evans, W. N. Matson, S. R. Kirkee, R. B. Shour, L. M. Miller, P. H. Alcorn, M. R. Hosmer, H. G. Gordon, H. B. Lane, Norman Hallanger and Miss Melendy.

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